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INCREASE IN LEVEL OF CARBON DIOXIDE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere is rapidly increasing in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to curb the level of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a body established jointly by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, the rate of concentration change per year of carbon dioxide, as estimated over 1980s, is 1.5 parts per million by volume per year (0.4% per year).

(c) The existing environmental policy and legal framework in the country, supported by several initiatives to protect and improve the environment, is contributing to stabilization of carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere.